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1997 SL2

Broken dash pad clips "fix"

Between being old and brittle, plus me not really knowing the best way remove remove it the first few times I took it off, Some of the clips that hold the dash pad down have snapped off. For a while I just lived with it but recently both of the clips that hold it in place around the instrument cluster have broken off. So while it does still stay on good enough, there was a pretty annoying gap now there. I wanted a way to hold it down without affecting the outside and since velcro was already being used in the back (or, was being used in the back. It doesn't really work very well anymore.) I thought it might work for the front.

The dash pad doesn't really sit flush with anything in the front though so I needed to use something as a spacer for the velcro to go on. Shaping a small piece of styrofoam actually worked really well for this, especially for the clips on the above the instrument cluster. Shaping was a little tricky but it mostly just consisted of getting a small block and slowly sanding it down to the right size. At first I tried shaping it out of the car but it ended up being far easier to shape it with the dash pad in the car and just keep slightly sanding it until its flush. (Don't forget to account for the thickness of the velcro and whatever adhesive you use.)



I used JB Weld to hold the styrofoam to the dash pad, and the velcro to the styrofoam. Not only did this create a mess of JB Weld, it held everything together super well. You'd pretty much have to destroy the styrofoam to get it off and the velcro doesn't feel like it's going to easily peel off either.



Now while this did technically work for me, I forgot to account for the JB Weld making the whole thing a little thicker. So it may have fit flush before I glued it all together, it doesn't anymore. It's still better than before though so I'm not that worried about it. The velcro holds on well too and takes a little bit of a pull to get it off. I couldn't get either of the velcro pads above the instrument cluster to stick to the metal under the dash very well though so they just peel off when you pull up on it. JB weld or something will probably fix this.



You could probably do this with other broken trim panel clips, although, most of them are vertical and have a smaller area to work with so they may need a little more secure of a hold than velcro.

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97 SL2, auto, 117K miles
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1992 SC

**Re: Broken dash pad clips "fix"**

A few years ago I tried doing something like this to fix my loose A-pillar, but the velcro wasn't strong enough to hold the A-pillar in place. The force pulling the A-pillar away from the door frame is too strong, so just like yours, the velcro just peeled off. If and when I get motivated enough to try to fix it again, I think I'll use something like Liquid Nails. If it works, it would be pretty permanent, because attempting to remove the A-pillar will probably cause it to brake.

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1992 SC - TwinCam (Automatic)
Bought it brand new, and still loving it today.

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1997 SL

**Re: Broken dash pad clips "fix"**

JB Weld is my go-to fix.
Liq Nails is good too.
I found a glue at Walmart, called E6000, it's clear and seems to stick anything to anything. Relatively cheap too.

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97 SL. Born 6/5/97, bought 7/7/97
08 Burgman 400
02 Haro MTB- can't kill it, still trying though

The Schofield Kid: Yeah, well, I guess they had it coming.
Will Munny: We all got it coming, kid.

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